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Finance Committee Minutes 04-12-2001

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING, April 12, 2001

7:30 PM Town Hall hearing room

ATTENDEES:

| | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Phelps* | Feinleib* | Kocur | O'Neill* | Mahoney |
| DeCoursey* | Villandry | Simmons | Mazmanian* | |
| Tosti* | Foskett* | Deyst | Ronan* | |
| Scoppettuolo* | Franclemont* | | Olsen* | |
| DuBois* | Howard* | Fanning* | Tosi | Kneeland* |

* Indicates present

TRANSFERS:

VOTED to transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Insurance budget \$5,295. Unanimous

VOTED to transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Snow & Ice line item in the Public Works budget \$500,000. Unanimous

BUDGET 25 INSURANCE: : The transfer from the Municipal Building Trust Fund can not be used to fully fund the indemnity insurance budget because some items don't qualify. In addition, the indemnity insurance budget must be increased.

VOTED to transfer \$143,000 from the Municipal Building Trust Fund and to recommend a budget of \$148,000. Unanimous

ARTICLE 43 REQUEST FOR ACCIDENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT: ALBERT SPINA: A copy of the Board of Selectmen vote requesting special legislation was provided.

VOTED to support the Board of Selectmen recommendation. Unanimous

ARTICLE 61 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/PATROLMEN: Union has settled for similar pay increases to Fire.

VOTED \$274,000 Unanimous

ARTICLE 64 SALARY ADJUSTMENT ELECTED OFFICIALS: The Personnel Directors salary study of surrounding communities was provided. Both positions well below average and management pay plan midpoints if pay for additional duties (Parking Clerk, Registrar) and longevity not included. Finances Subcommittee (DeCoursey) recommended community average (7% increase) for Treasurer, or 93% of M2 midpoint, and a corresponding decrease in expenses. There was considerable discussion on both positions.

VOTED \$71,160 for Treasurer, 8-3

Generan Government Subcommittee (DuBois) recommended 93% of M1 midpoint for Clerk.

VOTED \$62,000 Unanimous

VOTED no action on ARTICLE 64 since raises will be included in budget. Unanimous

ARTICLE 65 FUNDING FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: NAGE has not settled.

VOTED \$120,000 Unanimous

ARTICLE 66 POSITION RECLASSIFICATION. Job descriptions for two new positions, Technology Librarian (no funding increase) & Conservation Administrator (\$6585), were provided and recommended by the Personnel Subcommittee (ONeill).

VOTED to recommend these positions be added to the pay plan and that the ConCom budget be amended accordingly. Unanimous.

Note: Initially the vote was 7-5 to fund the ConCom position partly from the General Fund and partly from an increase in application fees. This vote was reconsidered when the final budget surplus was distributed.

ARTICLE 84 SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARIES: School Subcommittee (Franclemont) reported that School Committee voted to make no salary request.

VOTED no action. Unanimous

ARTICLE 94 OVERLAY RESERVE:

VOTED to transfer \$300,000 to the General Fund. Unanimous

ARTICLE 95 FREE CASH: Chair provided rationale for spending somewhat more of this than in previous years because of repayment expected from Bracket contractor and snow & ice transfer from Reserve Fund.

VOTED \$2,600,074 Unanimous

BUDGET 17c FIRE: Safety Subcommittee (ONeill) presented chart showing more accurate personnel salary listing.

VOTED \$4,426,888 Unanimous Note: New wage and salary offset included in vote.

BUDGET 3 TOWN MANAGER: Chair requested \$3,000 increase in longevity to fund an increase in Manager salary should the Board of Selectmen so choose.

VOTED \$316,359 Unanimous

BUDGET 21b VETERAN SERVICES Human Services Subcommittee (Scoppettuolo) reported that Director believes this budget should be resorted to original request.

VOTED \$214,540 Unanimous

YOUTH SERVICES EF:

WATER and SEWER EF: Chair provided revised charge estimates to this fund for support provided by other departments. Estimates made by Powers & Sullivan. they also recommended that interest earnings (\$175,000) on funds borrowed by this EF be retained in EF. The Manager letter (copy provided) requested that 2 new employees be included and explained that they will be paid from the W&S charges.

VOTED to include the revised offsets in the 9 budgets affected. Unanimous

VOTED \$11,990,224 expenses less \$11,990,224 revenues = 0. Unanimous

BUDGET 5 COMPTROLLER: Finances Subcommittee (Foskett) requested the personnel services detail be changed to correct the longevity to \$14,675 and reduce the Webmaster to \$35,873. No change to total.

BUDGET 9 LEGAL: General Government Subcommittee (Howard) recommended \$40,000 reduction in C budget since expenses in last 5 years have averaged that much below budget.

VOTED \$709,826 Unanimous

DISTRIBUTION OF BUDGET SURPLUS: After some discussion the following results

VOTED

to increase the field maintenance budget by \$20,000 (Public Works) 11-1 to fund overtime & pages at Library with \$7,115 increase Unanimous

to fully fund Conservation Administrator (see above) Unanimous

to apply the remaining funds (\$40482) to the schools Unanimous

BUDGET 19 EDUCATION

VOTED \$30,828,677 Unanimous

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

The Chair estimated the Reserve Fund balance at \$100,000.

Meeting scheduled for 9:00 AM April 28 [later changed to 1 p.m.] in a place to be determined to address Phase 2 of the school renovation. Meetings held at 7:30 before each TM session in Town Hall Hearing Room.

Peter B. Howard, Secretary

Budget & Article Action Summary

| Bud # | Date of presentation | Date of vote | \$ | Vote | Art# | Date of presentation | Date of vote | \$ | Vote/ assigned to |
|-------|----------------------|--------------|-------|------|------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2/7 | 2/7 | 10957 | Unan | 1S2 | 2/28.3/14 | 3/14.4/9 | no action | Unanimous |

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|-----|------------|------------|----------|------|-----|------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2 | 2/7 | 2/7 | 251076 | Unan | 153 | 3/7, 3/20 | 3/20 | 8.461m | Unan |
| 3 | 2/7 | 2/7, 4/12 | 300474 | Unan | 5 | 2/28 | 2/28 | No action | 11-0-1 |
| 4 | 3/24 | 3/24, 4/12 | 132588 | Unan | 24 | | | | |
| 5 | 2/21 | 2/21, 4/12 | 888951 | Unan | 36 | 3/14 | | Tabled | |
| 6 | 2/21 | 2/21, 4/12 | 581332 | Unan | 37 | | | | |
| 7 | 2/21 | 2/21, 4/12 | 147618 | Unan | 40 | 2/14 | Tabled | | |
| 8 | 3/19 | 3/19 | 269143 | Unan | 43 | 2/21 | 2/21, 4/12 | supp Board of Selectmen | Unan |
| 9 | 2/7, 2/21 | 2/21, 4/12 | 707328 | Unan | 52 | none | 2/28 | No action | Unan |
| 10 | 3/12 | 3/12, 4/12 | 181611 | Unan | 53 | 3/14, 3/20 | 3/20 | No action | Unan |
| 11 | 3/12 | 3/12 | 91139 | Unan | 54 | 2/14 | 2/14 | Fav'ble Act | Unan |
| 12 | 2/21 | 2/21 | 76152 | Unan | 55 | 3/14, 3/20 | 3/20 | No action see 1S2 | Unan |
| 13 | 2/21 | 2/21 | 204262 | Unan | 56 | 3/20 | 3/20 | No action | Unan |
| 14 | 2/21 | 2/21 | 338426 | Unan | 57 | 3/14 | 3/14 | No action | Unan |
| 15 | 2/7, 3/12 | 3/12 | 19570 | Unan | 58 | 3/14 | 3/14 | No report | Unan |
| 16 | 3/24 | 3/24, 4/12 | 6725128 | Unan | 59 | 3/14 | 3/14 | Fav Act \$? | Unan |
| 17a | 3/24 | 3/24 | 282019 | Unan | 60 | 3/14 | 3/14 | Fav Act \$? | Unan |
| 17b | 3/24 | 3/24 | 4483009 | Unan | 61 | 3/14 | 3/14, 4/12 | 274000 | Unan |
| | | 3/28 | | | | | | | |
| 17c | 3/28 | 3/28, 4/12 | 4426888 | Unan | 62 | 3/14 | 3/14, 4/12 | 120000 | Unan |
| 17d | 3/28 | 3/28 | 688633 | Unan | 63 | 3/14 | 3/14 | No action | Unan |
| 17e | 3/28 | 3/28 | 239363 | Unan | 64 | 3/14 | 3/14, 4/12 | no action | Unan |
| 17f | 3/28 | 3/28 | 422500 | Unan | 65 | 3/14 | 3/14 | No report | Unan |
| 19 | 3/21 | 4/12 | 30828677 | Unan | 66 | 3/28 | 3/28 | 11648 | Unan |
| 20 | 3/24 | 3/24, 4/12 | 1541494 | Unan | 67 | 2/14 | 2/14 | Fav'ble Act | Unan |
| 21a | 3/24 | 3/24 | 99834 | Unan | 68 | | | | |
| 21b | 3/24 | 3/24, 4/12 | 214540 | Unan | 69 | | | | |
| 21c | 3/24 | 3/24 | 158177 | Unan | 70 | 3/12 | 3/12 | 1964543 | Unan |
| 21d | 3/24 | 3/24 | 145672 | Unan | 71 | 3/20, 3/28 | 3/20, 4/12 | 30885 | Unan |
| 22 | 3/20 | 3/20 | 387898 | Unan | 72 | | | | |
| 23 | 3/24 | 3/24 | 4920383 | Unan | 73 | 3/14 | 3/14 | Fav Act \$? | Unan |
| 24 | | | | | 74 | 2/14 | 3/28, 4/9 | Accpt Gift | Unan |
| 25 | 3/12, 3/24 | 3/24, 4/12 | 8937222 | Unan | 75 | 2/14 | 3/28 | Fav'ble Act | Unan |
| 26 | 3/28 | 3/28 | 300000 | Unan | 76 | | | | |
| WS | 3/24 | 4/12 | 0 | Unan | 77 | 2/28, 3/20 | 3/20 | Sup Acquis | Unan |
| Rec | 3/24 | 3/24 | -6129 | Unan | 78 | | | | |
| Rnk | 3/28 | 3/28 | -8283 | Unan | 79 | 3/21 | 3/28 | Fav'ble Act | Unan |
| COA | 3/28 | 3/28 | -212 | Unan | 80 | 3/21 | | | |
| YS | 3/28 | 3/28 | 237244 | Unan | 81 | | | | |
| | | | | | 82 | 3/14 | 3/14 | No action | Unan |
| | | | | | 83 | 3/14 | 3/14 | 200k+int | Unan |
| | | | | | 84 | 3/21 | 4/12 | No action | Unan |
| | | | | | 85 | 3/12 | 3/28 | No action | Unan |
| | | | | | 86 | 3/14 | 3/28 | No action | Unan |
| | | | | | 87 | 3/14 | 3/28 | No action | Unan |
| | | | | | 88 | 3/7, 3/20 | 3/20 | 500k | Unanimous |
| | | | | | 89 | 3/7 | 3/7 | No action | Unanimous |
| | | | | | 90 | 3/7 | 3/7 | No action | Unanimous |
| | | | | | 91 | 2/14, 3/20 | 3/20 | 112102 | Unan |
| | | | | | 92 | 3/28 | 3/28 | 1179185 | Unan |
| | | | | | 93 | 3/28 | 3/28 | transfer | Unan |
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